

This petition has been pending for 18 months. RM-10354, which is along the same lines but offers new radio amateur licensees the opportunity for phone/data as well as CW on the HF amateur bands, has been pending for two years.

Action by the Commission on these two petitions should no longer be delayed. The issues of code/no-code and the substance of the license examinations can be dealt with later on.

What is needed now is a simplification, regularization, and broadening of HF privileges for the entry-level license for radio amateurs. RM-10413 and RM-10354 provide the Commission with the wherewithal to accomplish this much-needed improvement.

The submittal by the American Radio Relay League last week, provides guidance for possible future action by the Commission but should not be taken as a reason to delay further action on the long-pending RM-10413 and RM-10354.